



Marple Bridge
(Hollins Lane)

The Catholic Community Newsletter
for the parish of
St Mary and **The Annunciation**
Marple Bridge New Mills



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SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2020

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS (YEAR A)

First Reading	Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Second Reading	1 Thess. 5: 1-6
Gospel	Matthew 25: 14-30

Important celebrations this week: **Tuesday – St. Hugh of Lincoln** (Patron of the Diocese). An important figure in the history of this land. May he intercede for our diocese at this time. **Saturday – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. May her life of holiness inspire us to be ever close to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

IN CASE OF SERIOUS ILLNESS If somebody is nearing the end of life and a priest is required, please request this in good time using the emergency number at the top of this newsletter.

WE PRAY FOR Betty Ledwich whose funeral takes place at New Mills on Thursday this week. Please note that, sadly, this is an invitation-only service.

New Mills will be open for private prayer

on Tuesday between 10.30 and 11.30am. Many thanks to those who have volunteered for this.

WAYS TO DONATE The Diocese has set up a system of online donations, whereby payments can be made to various funds, including individual parishes. Go to <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/> and click on the relevant link at the top of the page.

If you are interested in setting up a standing order, contact Jim Howell on 07775602258 or email jim@bleakhouse.org.uk and he will be happy to supply this information.

CAFOD Christmas cards Although we are unable to hold Traidcraft sales in church at the moment, it is possible to order CAFOD Christmas cards via Pauline Howell. If you go to www.traidcraftshop.co.uk you will find a range of Christmas cards available to order. To avoid paying postage, please contact Pauline either by email at pauline@bleakhouse.org.uk or by phone 0161 449 0667 to place an order. Payment and delivery can be arranged once the order has arrived. Thank you!

THE MAYOR of STOCKPORT, Cllr DEAN FITZPATRICK invites you and friends to the ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST (on line) THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 8.00am – 8.30am
Programme for the Breakfast: -

- Town Centre physical regeneration - Caroline Simpson – Corporate Director for Place Stockport Borough Council
- Town Centre Spiritual regeneration - Rev Pete Horlock, serving the Manchester City Centre business Community.
- Courage and Faith in Politics - Jonathan Reynolds MP is Labour MP for Stalybridge & Hyde and Shadow Secretary for Work & Pensions.

To access: Soul City Church <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyp7u2aeybLqkUTeHrpEOog>
Soul City Church Facebook www.facebook.com/soulcityhome

This online event is free to attend, and numbers are unlimited. Please do spread the word and invite others! You will be given an opportunity to donate towards the Mayor's Charity, which this year is Beacon Counselling, at a later date.

DIOCESAN CAROL SERVICE Friday 18th December 6pm — YouTube & Zoom
Join Bishop Patrick, St Barnabas Cathedral Choir, and members of the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service, for a virtual carol service. The service will be a mix of traditional carols and hymns, readings from scripture, as well as modern carols and reflections bringing the diocese together to prepare our hearts and minds for the saviour's birth. After the carol service has ended join us on Zoom for a social time afterwards, with a quiz, small group discussion and a final prayer. Who is it for: Everyone! Also a great introductory event to invite friends and family to join who may not be Catholic, or non-practising Catholics.

How to find it: For the Carol Service, visit Bishop Patrick's YouTube page:
<http://youtube.com/BishopPatrickMcKinney> .

To learn how to download and use zoom visit the Adult formation section of the Diocesan Website:
https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/01_commission-adult-formation/using-zoom

Living Advent podcast: This podcast series will explore how we live the virtues of Advent (Hope, Love, Joy & Peace) in our daily lives. Each week in Advent we will discuss one of the virtues with people from all across the diocese who are trying to live that virtue in today's secular society. We will speak to a police officer, a retired grandmother, and a musician. Search for 'Living Advent' on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcasts or visit the diocesan website. Available from the 1st Sunday in Advent.

BEING A DISCIPLE Every Thursday in January — 7pm — Zoom What is it: A joint project between the Diocesan commission of Adult Formation for Mission and Catholic Voices; exploring what does it mean to be disciple of Christ in the Church and how your parish can be a disciple making parish. Each week we will look at one of four principles of being a disciple (Study of the Word, Fellowship, Prayer, Sacramental Life), how they can be developed in our life and how a parish/chaplaincy can support these areas too. Who is it for: Clergy and Lay people who want to grow in holiness and in their friendship with Christ; and for those who want to explore how their parish/ chaplaincy can be a community that continually grows disciples.
TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT THE PRESBYTERY

TAPESTRY at Marple Bridge Louise Robertson has donated a lovely religious tapestry to Marple Bridge church, by Thomas David Burke. When we are able to re-open the church, I will share more information about it. In the meantime, details can be found in the free 'Marple Review' newspaper, Autumn/Winter 2020, page 10.

In the New Mills safe I have found a cash tin marked 'parish hall donations'. Does anybody know the whereabouts of the key? (One of the benefits of the Heavenly Kingdom is that there will be no need for keys (apart from St. Peter's keys), passwords, alarm systems etc.)

Vocations Café

The Diocesan Vocations Team are holding a Zoom Café for men and women on Tuesday 1st December at 7 pm. If you would like to meet the team, ask any questions or simply just listen in, email Diane

at: vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk for the link and password to enable you to join them on your device with your drink and cake. Find out what it means!!!



The poster for 'Vocations Café' features a green border and a white background. At the top right, it says 'TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2020:7-8 pm'. The title 'VOCATIONS CAFÉ' is in large, bold, black letters. Below the title is a photograph of a cup of coffee on a saucer with a cookie and a cupcake. To the left of the coffee is a collage of photos: a group of people, a man in a white cassock, and a group of young people. A green box contains the text: 'Join us on zoom - with a cup of coffee/tea/ juice for prayer and a chat about vocation and what it means.... ALL WELCOME (18+)'. At the bottom left is the Diocese of Nottingham logo, a red shield with a gold cross and a crown. To the right of the logo, the text reads: 'Email: vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk for zoom link' and 'Team: Fr Paul Newman, Fr Jonathan Cotton, Fr Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ, Sister Maureen Brennan CSJP, Sister Susan Richert PBVM, Pietro Albano, Diane Williams'.

REVERSE ADVENT APPEAL

For a number of years our Reverse Advent appeal has been supported by scores of people across our town and this has enabled support to be given to those who find themselves in really 'tough times'. If ever there were a time when our help is needed, it's today. **Reverse Advent** gives Church members, across Stockport, an opportunity to help others in a practical way during this Advent season.

As well as the thousands of children who are living at poverty levels in our town, we see households who are struggling to make ends meet, adults going without food so that the children can be fed, people who are isolated and vulnerable due to the Covid pandemic as well as those who face financial difficulties due to job uncertainty. At Stockport Foodbank we look to help as many as we can, and the residents of our town have been brilliant in 'standing with us.' May we ask for your help this Christmas time please?

For a great number, Advent is a time of opening windows on a calendar and watching the children's (and adults) faces as they devour the piece of chocolate! **Reverse Advent** turns that on its head. Rather than 'taking a piece of chocolate' could we put something back into the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves? **Reverse Advent** encourages us to do exactly that. During Advent we are asking people to set aside a bag or box and each day put into it a long-life food item which would help those in need within Stockport.

How do I take part?

It's very simple. You don't need to register, just start collecting in your home then drop your bag or parcel with us at our Hazel Grove foodbank warehouse during December or at St Martin's Heaton Norris on 19 December. It's as simple as shop and drop!

What should I donate?

We welcome donations of a variety of long-life food items including milk, juice, tinned puddings, rice pudding tinned meats, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, biscuits, snacks and toiletries including soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please, no Christmas puddings or Christmas fayre containing alcohol. At present we have an excess of pasta, baked beans, soup and pasta sauce so we don't need any donations of these items too, thanks.

If you require more information please email us or call us on 07483 115349.

PS: We recognise that some people may not be getting out and about as much at the moment but may still be keen to support us. We are welcoming financial donations as well as food donations. These can be done in a variety of different ways – by sending us a cheque made payable to Stockport Foodbank to Hazel Grove Baptist Church, Station Street, SK7 4EX, by donating via justgiving or by bank transfer.

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